

# News Update

September 2011



## Singing Wells Project

Exciting developments this month include the imminent launch of the **Digital Music Map** of East Africa on the Singing Wells website. With a simple click you will be able to listen to the music and watch the unique dance of traditional East African music groups.

The map will include material recorded by the SWP in March 2011 in the SW coastal region, plus material from the Lake Turkana Festival in May 2011.

In November 2011, the SWP team (Ketebul Music & Abubilla Music engineers) will embark on a 3 week programme of village music recordings which we hope will include the music and dance of **the Batwa people** - a marginalized group largely forgotten by their country. This phase of the SWP will be partly funded by **The Abubilla Music Foundation**, with volunteer support from the engineers at Abubilla Music. We are seeking additional funding from other partners and hope to make an application to **The Ford Foundation** for this who are very supportive of the SWP.

In 2012 we plan to extend our programme of field recordings to **at least 200 more villages** and are following up on positive feedback from some potential sponsors, including **Diageo/ East Africa Breweries Ltd** who have shown a great interest in the SWP for which we are most grateful.

[www.singingwells.org](http://www.singingwells.org)



## Meninos do Morumbi

We have been privileged to work over many months this year with the inspirational **Flavio Pimento** at Meninos Do Morumbi in Sao Paulo, Brazil on the development of their new website which is about to be launched. This project has been funded by **The Abubilla Music Foundation** with additional voluntary support from the team at Abubilla Music.

[www.meninosdomorumbi.org.br](http://www.meninosdomorumbi.org.br)

## Abubilla Music

We have just released our fourth album - **King Henry's Tears** - featuring tracks from our house band The Saturday Morning Canasta Club and our Discovery Artists. Most importantly perhaps, it includes a BONUS track - the global remix of our song **71 Hours to Monday**, which we are using to promote and help fund The Singing Wells Project. To watch the video [click here](#).

Ketebul artist **Winyo** is due to release his debut CD this autumn. As part of our collaboration with Ketebul Music, the team at Abubilla Music were delighted to fund and carry out the mastering of the CD, and will also contribute to the costs of the manufacturing.

And we are very excited about the launch of our brand new website later this month. It will include the same eclectic mix of our music, videos, Discovery Artists and extraordinary blogs, but with a whole new look and feel. Visit us soon at: [www.abubillamusic.com](http://www.abubillamusic.com)



Stop press: as soon as the new websites are launched we will let you know...

### Abubilla Music (London)

- The record label
- The Saturday Morning Canasta Club
- Our supporting artists
- Our albums
- Our Discovery artists

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### Abubilla Music Foundation

- UK Registered Charity (No. 1142173)
- Supporting music projects in East Africa and South America
- Board of Trustees: James Allen, Kathy Allen, Martyn Ward

### Singing Wells project

- Preserving East African music heritage
- Collaboration between AM & KM
- Executive board
- Recording village music
- Fusion of traditional and contemporary music – 'Influences'
- Multi media output of material
- Training music/video engineers

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### Meninos do Morumbi (Sao Paulo)

- Non profit organisation
- Giving street children a music education
- Performance of traditional Brazilian music/drumming and dance

[www.meninosdomorumbi.org.br](http://www.meninosdomorumbi.org.br)



### Ketebul Music (Nairobi)

- Non profit music organisation
- Committed to preserving traditional East African music
- Ketebul artists
- Ketebul projects

[www.ketebulmusic.org](http://www.ketebulmusic.org)

